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President's Note: **Summer Wrap-up, and Looking Ahead to Autumn Activities**

Greetings Friends and Neighbors, and welcome,

The Summer of 2022 is falling behind us and we've begun our transition into the Fall. It appears the pandemic has begun to wane as well and, thankfully, local schools have returned to full time; in-person learning and life is (hopefully) returning to normal for most of us. On Sunday, September 4th, we were privileged to enjoy another potluck picnic in celebration of our Labor Day holiday. Thanks to all the volunteers, including those who groomed the grounds during the days before the picnic, the cook-staff, cleanup crew, and all those who brought dishes, and helped make this an especially enjoyable event. I also want to recognize Hsin-I Russell, who volunteers her time to travel to Costco to pick up the burgers, hotdogs, and all the attendant picnic supplies. There probably isn't a picnic without Hsin-I's dedicated efforts.

Another outstanding event was the annual Moyaone Triathlon/challenge event on September 10 (see article, p. 5). We were privileged to have more than 30 of our athlete neighbors competing in the swimming, biking and running courses. This is a well-attended event and also is a fundraiser which helps fund many of our activities. Many thanks to the athletes and the volunteers, especially Rita Bergman, who organized this enjoyable event.

Our next big event will be the annual Oktoberfest, scheduled for Saturday, October 1 (see p. 2 for more information). This is another fundraiser, fueled by several of our Moyaone brewers and guaranteed to be well worth the nominal price of admission. With the end of the pool season, I want to thank Will Micknick and all his staff for completing a safe and enjoyable pool season. Having an aging pool sometimes means occasionally closing on short notice to make

necessary repairs. I believe we had two such instances, requiring pump repairs or replacement for the main pool and kiddy pool, which were of minimal duration. Thanks to all who provided extraordinary effort behind the scenes to keep our pool up and operating throughout the summer.

In closing I want to emphasize the importance of scheduling your events involving the use of our facilities, as early as possible. Please email moyaonescheduling@gmail.com with your event information. Cindi Rudzis will add you to the Moyaone Calendar or notify you of any conflicts. Cindi manages the calendar but does not get involved with any of the logistics needed to support your event. Please also follow the processes and procedures for rental of our facilities, which are found on our Moyaone.org website under the Community/Buildings and Grounds tabs. Thanks again to all of you for helping to preserve our Reserve and making this a great place to live.

Respectfully,
— John Rudzis
President, Moyaone Association
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Moyaone Oktoberfest

Celebrate a beautiful time of year at the Moyaone Oktoberfest. Authentic German food, Oktoberfest Bier, bonfires, and Kent's apple press will be featured.

Sat., Oct. 1 • 4–8 pm

Moyaone Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Road

Tickets available through Eventbrite at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MOF2022>

Admission for adults is only \$35
— includes one Oktoberfest plate
(Bratwurst, German potato salad, and Sauerkraut)
plus Strudel and 2 tickets for any drink being served.

Additional food items will be on sale separately.

Vegan options will also be available.

Children 12 and under are only \$15.

Join your neighbors and friends for the festivities!

GACA to Meet Wed., Sept. 28

The Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA) will hold its regular September general membership meeting in person at the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Hall ([16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek 20607](https://www.google.com/maps/place/16111+Livingston+Road,+Accokeek,+MD+20607)) on Wed., Sept. 28, at 7:30 pm. The program for the evening will focus on issues of South County roadways, in particular Maryland Route 210. Representatives from the State Highway Administration Maryland Department of Transportation will report on the status of maintenance along Maryland 210; a local safety initiative at Farmington Road and Maryland 210; the MDOT Adopt-a-Highway program; and efforts going forward to advocate for roadways in South County. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about these important local issues. The Accokeek Fire Hall is large and will accommodate social distancing, though guests are encouraged to wear masks as an additional Covid safety precaution in the indoor setting.

Bookkeeper Wanted

After 25 years of working with the Moyaone Association, our accountant will be taking a much overdue retirement. We are looking for someone to work in conjunction with the Moyaone Association Comptroller in keeping the records of the Moyaone Association and ensuring compliance with our tax filings. This is a paid part-time position.

Responsibilities include:

- **Payroll** — preparation of payroll for pool staff, processing of payment of payroll taxes, process direct deposits, preparation of all payroll reports, and posting transactions to QuickBooks online. (January, May, June, July, August, and September)
- **Tax Filings** — compilation and filing of IRS Form 990, processing and issuance of Form W-2's and 1099-Misc, preparation and filing of Maryland personal property tax forms
- **Bank Activity** — reconcile monthly bank accounts, approve and release wire transfers
- **Bookkeeping/Data Entry** — data entry for all payments and deposits
- **Other** — work with the Moyaone Association Comptroller in preparing information for annual insurance audits

Additional preferred skills and attributes include: attention to detail, organization, critical thinking, and excellent communication skills.

Please send responses, questions, and or resumes to moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com

Literacy Council to Host Fundraiser: Adult Team Spelling Bee

Sat., Oct. 22, 6–10 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 15 Notre Dame Place,
Bryantown MD

On Oct. 22, the Charles County Literacy Council (CCLC) will host an Adult Team Spelling Bee fundraiser to support its work of providing free one-on-one confidential adult tutoring in reading, writing, math, GED, and ASVAB preparation, ESOL, and citizenship. The Bee has multiple teams of 3 to 4 adults who will enjoy a fun, good-natured competition and an evening of music and good food.

Register and send in an individual donation of \$30 per ticket to attend, cheer on the teams, *and/or* donate a gift certificate/cards for food item(s) toward silent auction gift baskets or refreshments.

See the website for more information about the event, and to make donations: charlescountyliteracy.org



Photo: AAA Steering Committee in all its splendor: Annette Paajanen, Cindi Rudzis, Peggy Reichard, Lona Powell, Daniel Wise and Mary Lee Phelps.

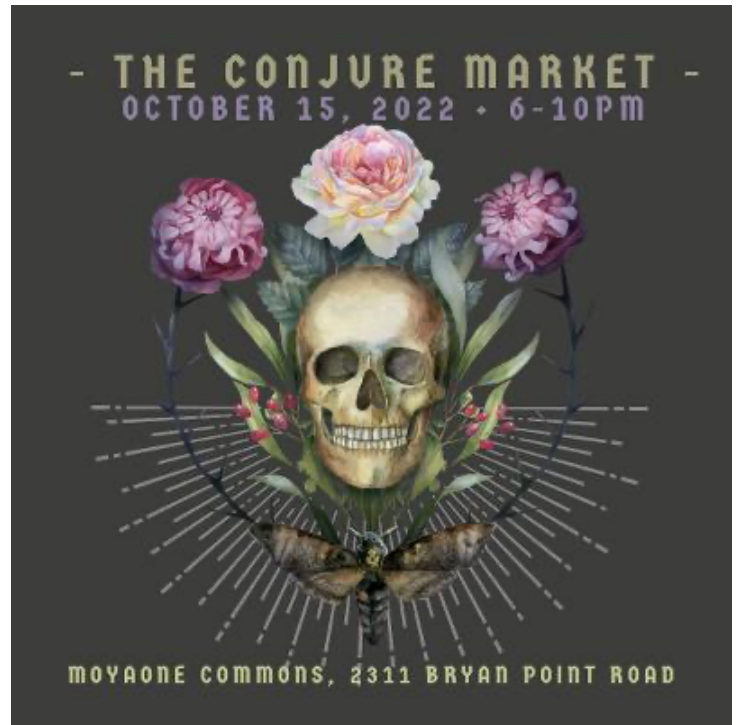
Artists Alliance to Hold Sept. Member Meeting, and Oct., Dec. Markets

The Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) is hosting an in-home meeting Sat., Sept. 24, 2–4:30 pm, at a member's historic plantation farmhouse. The meeting will feature a tour of the home and grounds and a presentation by a noted glass artist, Eileen Martin (www.martinglasscreations.com). If you are thinking about becoming an AAA member, you can come to the event for a fee of \$10.00, which will be deducted

from your membership fee. Please send an email to accookeekartistsalliance@gmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

Next up will be a first time ever Conjure Market sponsored by Cindi Rudzis, on Sat., Oct. 15, 6–10 pm. Open to the public, the event takes place at the Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. There is still time to sign up as a vendor for this magical, mystical, metaphysical evening. Contact Cindi for more information: cynroux@me.com. The AAA will be selling appropriately themed food and drink throughout the evening.

The AAA's Winter Market is Dec. 2–4 at the Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., with a very special Krampus Parade on Saturday evening. In case you didn't know, the Krampus is a horned, anthropomorphic figure in Central and Eastern Alpine folklore who, during the Christmas season, scares children who have misbehaved. If you'd like to participate as a fully costumed Krampus for the



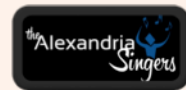
march on Saturday evening, Dec. 3rd, please contact Cindi for information: cynroux@me.com.



ACCOKEEK ARTISTS ALLIANCE

Come for an Afternoon of Entertainment
Open House: Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park
3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD

**The Alexandria Singers &
Charles County Local Artists**



Sunday, September 25, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Food, Drink & Festivities

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating comfort!

\$5.00 per person—Make Reservations and Pay

www.friendsofchapmansp.org

Or Mail: FOSP, P.O. Box 857, Bryans Road, MD 20616

CONCERT IN THE WOODS

FERGUSON AMPHITHEATER

14 OCTOBER 2022
FRIDAY

LYNN HOLLYFIELD
BAND REUNION
W/LEVI SHOTWELL-OPENING ACT



LYNN HOLLYFIELD-SINGER-SONGWRITER WITH DAUGHTER KEELY. (VOCALS-FAMILY HARMONIES), DAVE ABE (FIDDLES/MANDOLIN-MAY THROW A HORNPIPE IN), STEVE WOLF (BASS-EXTRAORDINAIRE) & JIMMY BRINK (PERCUSSION-EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED)
LEVI SHOTWELL: OPENING, A PROLIFIC TEEN GUITARIST/VOCALIST

FERGUSON AMPHITHEATER -
2001 BRYAN POINT ROAD, ACCOKEEK, MD
(RAIN OR SHINE*)

*FOLLOW SIGNS-ALTERNATE SITE JUST 2 MINUTES AWAY!



FRIDAY, 10/14, 7:30-9:30PM
ADMISSION: \$20
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$5



Lynn Hollyfield Concerts Sept. 28 and Oct. 14

Wed., Sept. 28, 7–9 pm. Lynn with daughter Keely (pictured immediately above) at the New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD. Always a treat to sing with my daughter Keely at one of my favorite places to play. Great sound, music, food, and you! Artist donations encouraged.

Fri., Oct. 14, 7:30–9:30 pm. Lynn Hollyfield Band Reunion, with opening act Levi Shotwell. Concert in the Woods, Alice Ferguson Foundation Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd. See ad at top for more information.

Fall Events Include Halloween, Community Soccer, and Windborne Concert

Moyaone Halloween

This year's Moyaone Halloween will take place at the Moyaone Commons (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) on Sat., Oct. 29. This will be a family-friendly event for kids of all ages. More details in the next *Smoke Signals*. If you are interested in helping with planning and set up please contact Karen Heys (Karen@karenheys.com).

Moyaone Community Soccer

Now in its 15th year, the Moyaone Community Soccer game continues most Sundays, 3–5 pm. We play with small goals and age 10 to adult are welcome.

- For kids five and up who want to develop soccer skills, there is a practice session 2:30 pm.
- Contact Karen Heys (Karen@karenheys.com) to be added to the distribution list.



Vocal quartet Windborne.
Photo: Michelle Frehsee.

Windborne in Concert

Fri., Sept. 23, 7 pm. Hard Bargain Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd.

• The popular vocal quartet Windborne is coming to Accokeek! Windborne's captivating show draws on the singers' deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony, while the absolute uniqueness of their artistic approach brings old songs into the present. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable. With a 20-year background studying polyphonic music around the world, Lauren Breunig, Jeremy Carter-Gordon, Lynn Rowan, and Will Rowan share a vibrant energy onstage with a blending of voices that can only come from decades of friendship alongside dedicated practice. The ensemble shifts effortlessly between drastically different styles of music, drawing their audience along on a journey that spans continents and centuries, illuminating and expanding on the profound power and variation of the human voice. windbornesingers.com

- Tickets \$20 Adult and \$15 ages 8–17 (<https://ticketstripe.com/windborne>). This is 100% supported by volunteer support. All profits go to the performers.
- Thank you to the Alice Ferguson Foundation for supporting this community event.
- Questions and/or wanting to volunteer, please contact: Alex Naar (alex@alexnaar.com).



The long road to completing a triathlon ... and the thrill of victory.
Photos: Jan Parker.

2022 Challenge Event a Success

We had a record 31 entries for the Moyaone Challenge this year. It was a blast and we even had cool weather to help speed everyone along. Thanks to everyone for participating, and special thanks to all our volunteers for making it a successful event. Hope to see even more people next year!

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tri Senior	Sheryl Romeo	Matt Schwaller	Rikki Barry
Tri Adult	Thann Bennett	Bill Scott	Chris Vincent
Tri Youth	Wolfe Geist	Memphite Navies	Caleb Dotson
Swim Only - Senior	Manny Fuentes	Kristy Vant	Bill Robertson
Swim Only - Adult	Ian Davis	-	-
Swim Only - Youth	Gavin Vincent	Scarlett Vincent	Hope Bennett
Bike Only - Senior	Joe Barry	.	-
Children's Relay / Sprint	Gray Reese	Saorise Vincent	-

Gardening, Anyone? Located on the Moyaone Association grounds, next to the Wagner Center building, is the Moyaone Community Garden. Moyaone Association members in good standing (who have paid their annual consolidated fees) can inquire about the availability of plots. To find out more about fees and garden policies, please send an email message to: moyaonegarden@gmail.com

Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) Welcomes Students

School is back in session! We are eager to welcome young explorers back to the Farm, where they can build an enduring connection to the natural world and their local watershed. Joining us for the first time in many years are third graders from Charles County; we are so excited to have them back!

We couldn't do our work without the generous support from our friends in the Moyaone community. A donation to AFF today ensures we can continue to provide quality and engaging environmental education programs that make us special at free and reduced costs to the kids that need them most.

Join us for Fun on the Farm

Look no further for unique weekend plans this fall! Our educators and farm team are ready to share the wonders of farm life and nature with you. Make memories while exploring the great outdoors together. Fun for the whole family. Can't wait to see you and your family at the Farm!
Cost: \$15/person. Kids free under the age of 2.



SESSION DATES & TIMES Unfor-goat-able Adventures

Sat., Sept. 24, 4-6 pm

Bird Walk with AFF's Wildlife Enthusiast Bill Townsend

Sun., Oct. 2, 5-7 pm

Fun With Fermentation

Sat., Oct. 15, 4-6 pm

Chores & S'mores

Sat., Nov. 12, 4-6 pm

Natural Wreath Workshop

Sat., Dec. 10, 4-6 pm

>>> [SAVE YOUR SPOT HERE](#) <<<

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd.,
Accokeek; fergusonfoundation.org

Class Is Back in Session at the Accokeek Foundation!

But it always feels like recess in Piscataway Park. Check out our educational offerings to help you and your family enjoy Piscataway Park and relax together after school.

Biology

Learn about plant biology in the Historic Kitchen Garden. Our crops are growing like weeds and will soon be ready to harvest. Stop by to learn about Indigenous techniques for growing crops, find veggies you like to cook, or find some that you've never heard of before!

Our Java chickens are growing, and we have added a Bourbon Red turkey to our flock. These heritage breeds preserve the history and biodiversity of their species. Learn more about our heritage breeds, including our American Milking Devon cattle, Ossabaw hogs, and Hog Island sheep.

History

Explore history and stories from the past with self-guided tours, available for download online or from the Visitor Center. *Through the Eyes of Cate Sharper* is a special self-guided tour of the National Colonial Farm that features the life of Cate Sharper, a woman enslaved in Prince George's County in the mid-18th century. As you explore the historic buildings, learn about the often-untold stories of people whose lives and labor shaped the land.

Literature

Check out the Education team's blog. The latest Library Favorites entry is about the book *We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know* at: <https://www.accokeek.org/blog>.

Physical Education

Parks offer a range of health benefits. Whether hiking trails, watching wildlife, volunteering, or exploring new places, you and your family can experience the perks of parks, which include getting in touch with nature; mindfulness; opportunities to socialize; and inspiring curiosity and learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

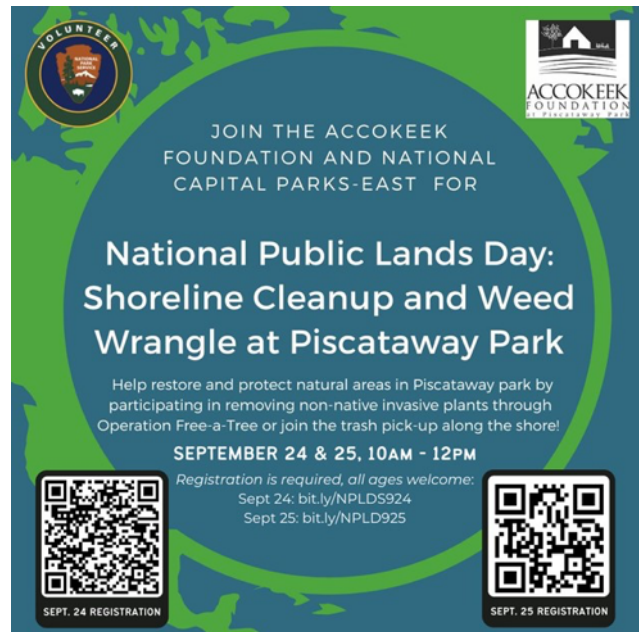
Register online at <https://calendar.accokeekfoundation.org>
Celebrate our wonderful public lands by stewarding the plants and waters of Piscataway Park on Sept. 24 and 25, 10 am–12 pm (see the ad, above right). Learn about and help with the Accokeek Foundation's new "Operation Free-a-Tree" program, which aims to protect mature trees from invasive vines, or, instead, join a team to tackle trash along the shore (on Sept. 24 only) while learning how trash impacts wildlife and you. All ages are welcome, but youth under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the event. Registration is required.

Sat., Sept. 24: <https://bit.ly/NPLDS924>

Sun., Sept. 25: <https://bit.ly/NPLD925>

Friday Farm Tour

Fri., Sept. 16, 1–2 pm & 2:30–3:30 pm



Explore the grounds of a working tobacco farm and meet its two- and four-legged residents. Suitable for all ages, registration required. \$7/ticket

Native Tree ID Hike

Sat., Sept. 10, 10–11:30 am

Learn about the basics of tree identification and how trees provide food, medicine, and materials for Piscataway People throughout the past and present. The tour will be a trail walk through various ecosystems of the Indigenous Cultural Landscape. This program is intended for adults; registration is required. \$10/ticket

Natural Dyes Walk

Sat., Sept. 24, 1–2 pm & 2:30–3:30 pm

Stick around after our National Public Lands Day event and join experienced dyers on a walk to identify and collect and learn about historic natural dyes. The dyes discussed will be used in our Oct. 22 Natural Dyes Workshop. Registration required. \$15/ticket

Volunteers

Interested in volunteering with AF? There are incredible opportunities for all people interested in volunteering! Find more information at <https://www.accokeek.org/volunteer>.

Do you know that the Accokeek Foundation is creating new interpretive signs for the park? Would you like to help evaluate sample signs? Here's the inside scoop on how you can get involved.

We know you love Piscataway Park, and the Accokeek Foundation wants your feedback as we strive for inclusive storytelling with many voices sharing what makes Piscataway Park so special. Join us the weekend of Sept. 24–25 to offer your reactions on proposed interpretive signs. Interested? Contact us for additional details at: outreach@accokeek.org. There will be prizes for participating!

Want to receive our email updates? Contact us at outreach@accokeek.org. Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.org



Above: Grillmasters John Hollyfield (l.) and Chris Aills (r.) at the Labor Day picnic. Right: the 2022 Accokeek Swim Team, which had a spectacular season. Photos: Crystal Garcia.



Pulse of the Pool: Summer's End

The pool season is officially over. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated in and topped off this year's Labor Day Sunday social and potluck. We hope that you enjoyed the sunny afternoon, the company of friends old and new, as well as some tasty bites. Special appreciation goes to the following neighbors who lent a helping hand before, during, and after (in no particular order): Will Micknick and his lifeguard crew; Crystal Garcia; Alex Naar; JR Rudzis; Kent Hibben; James Finger; Chris Aills; Marty Carts; John Hollyfield; Jeff Frederick; Logan Kistler; Tina Shotwell; Holliday Wagner; and Kerry Cook. We are fortunate to live among so many fine folks.

That being said, we have one final but critical task to complete as a community: **we need to winterize this pool.** The plan is to do this on Sat., Sept. 17, starting at noon. To make this go as smoothly as possible, it is recommended that at least 20 volunteers assist in putting on the pool cover. After the water level is dropped, the pool cannot be vacuumed and no one wants to be scooping leaves off the bottom by hand, so timing is important. Ladders will come out, and all pool furniture such as chairs, tables, and umbrellas, are to be stowed. If we don't get enough responses for Saturday, we will have to reschedule. The alternate date, rain date, and additional work day for any unfinished tasks is Sun., Sept. 18 from noon to 4 pm.

If you can come, email russelhc@yahoo.com or text 240-383-9708 to Hsin-I Russell, who is taking a headcount.

If you are new to the community, joining a committee — of which there are several that might be of interest — is a great way to meet others. If you have any pool issues, concerns, or questions, please join us at our penultimate pool committee meeting, which will be held Tue., Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm in the Moyaone Community Center's pavilion at 2311 Bryan Point Road.

Accokeek Swim Team (AST) Gators Season Wrap-Up

This year 44 families and 74 swimmers made up the AST Gators team; 21 of the swimmers come from ten of those families and live in the Moyaone Reserve.

The Gators had an exceptional 2022 summer swim season and won four of five dual meets! AST finished the season by WINNING the Divisional Meet at McDonough High School for Division E. AST also broke several McDonough Pool records during the meet:

- Luke Garcia** (14) 50Y Freestyle
- Ashley Gruwell** (13) 50Y Fly
- Axel Naar** (12) 50Y Fly
- Josef Shotwell** (15) 50Y Breast
- Johannes Shotwell** (12) 50Y Free, 50Y Breast & 100IM
- Elsalore Shotwell** (7) 25Y Free, 25Y Breast & 25Y Back

Johannes Shotwell not only broke the pool record, but he also broke Skip Blair's 45-year-old AST Pool Record with his lightning-fast 50 yard Freestyle.

Our Girls 18&Under Medley Relay set an AST Team Record: those ladies are **Aziza Brown, Felisha Wilson, Kyla Amelechkin, and Ashley Gruwell.**

The Marion Wright award went to our very own Moyaoner, **Brell Bennett**, for her outstanding sportsmanship and leadership.

The Gordon Watts award went to another lifetime Moyaoner, **Laura Gillespie**, for her exceptional volunteerism.

Overall, we had a great season under the leadership from our **Coaches Micah Dixon and Freedom Morant.** The team operates with much help and support from MANY parent volunteers! We also receive support from our local partners, the B&J Carryout and the Accokeek Fire Department, for keeping us on ice all summer. Miller Farms provides us with doughnuts and Starbucks provides us with coffee for our Home Meet concession stand at the early morning meets.

A huge thank you to all our partners and volunteers for supporting this team and keeping summer swim local!